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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 6

1. VESCO MAY BE IN NASSAU

EMBASSY NASSAU REPORTS THAT ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT CONFIRMED VESCO'S PRESENCE, IT IS KNOWN THAT HE ARRIVED IN NASSAU ON JUNE 5. HIS BOEING 707 IS STILL ON THE GROUND. DUE TO A COMING THREE-DAY HOLIDAY IN THE BAHAMAS, THE EMBASSY HAS PROPOSED AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED PUTTING OFF A FORMAL REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION UNTIL JUNE 12.
(CONFIDENTIAL) NASSAU 743 AND STATE 111675, 6/8. (EXDIS)

2. GOVERNMENT CHANGES IN SPAIN

GENERAL FRANCO HAS NAMED HIS VICE PRESIDENT LUIS CARRERO BLANCO AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT (PRIME MINISTER). CARRERO BLANCO WILL BE SWORN IN AT 1100 MADRID TIME JUNE 9. OTHER CABINET CHANGES ARE EXPECTED. EMBASSY MADRID COMMENTS THAT FRANCO NAMED CARRERO BLANCO IN ORDER TO RESTORE
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COHESION TO THE GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS BEEN DIVIDED BY PERSONALITY CONFLICTS. CAUTIONING AGAINST FURTHER SPECULATION UNTIL THE EMBASSY HAS FURTHER CONTACTS WITH SPANISH OBSERVERS, OUR SPANISH DESK SEES THE MOVE AS A POSSIBLE EXPERIMENT BY FRANCO WITH HIS PLAN FOR SUCCESSION. IN

ADDITION THE MOVE HAS ELEMENTS OF A SHORT TERM CONCESSION TO RECENT CRITICS FROM THE RIGHT WING. AMONG OTHER CHANGES EXPECTED IS THE APPOINTMENT OF LAUREANO LOPEZ RODO (NOW MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO) TO REPLACE FOREIGN MINISTER LOPEZ BRAVO. THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO RECENTLY VISITED WASHINGTON, IS A TOUGH NEGOTIATOR AND A FIRM DEFENDER OF SPANISH ECONOMIC INTERESTS. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT FOR A WHILE WE CAN EXPECT A CERTAIN DEGREE OF RIGIDITY ON BILATERAL ISSUES AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGE. (CONFIDENTIAL) MADRID 3198, 6/8. RUSH

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